Telephone Advisory Committees

165. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to reconstitute Telephone Advisory Committees (district level) in near future;

(b) the number of requests received from the Members of Parliament recommending names for such Committees;

(c) whether the requests from MPs received, so far. have since been acceded to; and

(d) if so. the relevant details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) 2887 requests for nomination in various Telephone Advisory Committees have been received from Members of Parliament, out of which, 2314 nominations have been made in the Committees.

Irregularities in Department of Telecommunications

166. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications has been committing irregularities and extending undue favour to its licencees during the past couple of years;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof and the amount of losses inflicted on the Department in each case; and